

Date of Meeting: 20.6.11

Meeting Opened: 8pm

Meeting Closed: 10.35pm

Date of Next Meeting: 12.9.11



Location	Speed Dome, Eddie Barron Drv, Midvale			
Type of Meeting	General Meeting			
Chairperson	Steve Dixon			
BOARD	Position/Name	Present	Apology	Absent
President	Steve Dixon (SD)	✓		
Vice President	Matt Butterworth (MB)	✓		
Secretary	Lucille Truscott (LT)	✓		
Officiating / Track	Des MacCormack (DesM)	✓		
Club Development / MPIO	Debbie McCrellis (DM)	✓		
Events	Martin Brown (MB)		✓	
VISITOR	Tania Wehr	✓		
DELEGATES				
Byford	Andrew Morrison			✓
Cockburn	Brian Farrell (Wayne Green in attendance as proxy)	✓		
Hills	Dennis Main	✓		
Rockingham	Mark Bakitch	✓		
Southern Districts	Reg Ralph			✓
Southside	Penny Ainger	✓		
Wanneroo	Kaye Houghton	✓		
Westside	Geoff Bird	✓		
Bunbury	Tim Wakeling			✓
Collie	Richard Cockram			✓

Cowaramup	Shane Ablett			✓
DELEGATES	POSITION/NAME	PRESENT	APOLOGY	ABSENT
Dandalee				✓
Eastern Goldfields	Chris Hitchcock (Pres)			✓
Hedland	Neil Harvey (Pres)			✓
Karratha	Daniel Sprague (Westside)			✓
Margaret River	Gary McKee (Pres)			✓
Northam	Justin Begley (Pres)			✓
Tom Price	Jamie Johnson			✓
Woorree Park	Samantha Hatt (Byford)			✓

VISITOR	CLUB	VISITOR	CLUB
Stephen Hopkins	Hills	Ian Ainger	Southside
Lynne Western	Wanneroo	Dave Fong	Westside
Mark Ewens	Westside	Dave Cooper	Westside
Paul Green	Westside	Marita Vacca	Westside
Leanne Allen	Westside	Steve Lister	Hills
Todd McDonald	Wanneroo	John Knight	Westside
Jennifer Knight	Westside		

ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES HELD ON		28.3.11
ACCEPTED	Wanneroo	
SECONDED	Southside	
<p>Minutes accepted subject to the minutes of 28.3.11 being amended as follows:</p> <p>Agenda Item 5 – Westside Loans to clubs for future club development. Westside propose a maximum loan of \$10,000 should be made available to any club in WA provided they meet the loan “guidelines” as determined by clubs and monitored by BMXWA.</p> <p>Outcome / Action (Amended as follows) The Association recognises the struggle that some clubs go through to achieve their desired infrastructure. BMXWA do not receive any assistance from BMX Australia. Lengthy discussion held on the topic, with the general agreement being that this is not a viable proposition.</p>		

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES	
ITEM	ACTION
Westside – There are no financials included in minutes. Is this a requirement?	Board – The only reporting requirement is at an AGM. The same now applies for clubs, they don't have to forward financials to the Board any more. Westside confirms approximate balance of \$210,000 in acc's.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS
POSITION - President
<p>June marks the end of the 2010/11 BMX WA Super Series and it was good to see a great turnout as usual at the Eastern Goldfields Club.</p> <p>June also brings to an end our first term of TID and HP programs. This has been a first for West Australians and in general the program has been quite successful. BMX WA will now build on this to bring a full season of TID and HP programs for West Australian riders. Many thanks must go to the people who have made this possible for their hard work in developing this new state initiative.</p> <p>At national level the Talent ID tag is being dropped in favour of Athlete Development Squad and WA will most likely mirror this in the new season.</p> <p>The 2011/12 calendar is already close to finalisation with the majority of clubs getting their first or second date preference. The 2011/12 Super Series will start in the city on September 19th followed by the first country round to be held in Karratha on weekend of October 9th. This sees Karratha hosting a round of the Super Series for the first time in about 10 yrs and we look forward to what I am sure will be a fantastic weekend of racing for all.</p> <p>BMX WA recently secured the services of David Armstrong Consultant and David will be looking at aiding BMX WA in its New Strategic Plan and in the Constitutional review that we are undertaking. David comes highly recommended as an expert in the field of volunteer sporting organisations and their governance. We hope to deliver a workshop with David at the 2011 Club Conference.</p> <p>It is not secret that the board recently received a request from a member club to change their race night. The board sought feedback from clubs that where most likely to be affected by this proposed change and upon receiving this deliberated on the outcome. It was felt that this request not be granted as it would have a detrimental effect on other member clubs. In making this decision the board was guided by the current BMX WA constitution in managing competition at all levels to the benefit of the members. Approving this request was seen to be detrimental to a member club and so disapproved.</p>
<p>Questions of President Report</p> <p>Westside – I take it that there will be no constitution review completed by 30th June? SD – It will take as long as it takes but it must go through the process. Our obligation was to have the review underway by 30th June and that has happened with the engagement of David Armstrong.</p>

Westside – Will clubs get to see it (constitution) prior to being presented?

SD – Yes absolutely, it must be accepted by the member clubs.

POSITION - Officiating

Officiating course – we only have 1 person interested in doing a course so we will not be running it.

Cockburn – Is that Level 8?

Des M – Yes, we need at least 7 – 8 people. The next level of course is at National level and they select people to invite to do that course.

SD – Outlines National and International level officiating courses available.

AGENDA ITEMS

AGENDA ITEM - 1

CLUB – Westside

Purchase of an enclosed trailer for the State Coaches to use.

Westside propose that the BMX Sports WA purchase a large enclosed trailer so the State Coach can store all the coaching gear (trainers, warm up bikes, tents, mats, chairs etc) in one place and move this from location to location in one smooth quick and easy logistical exercise. Estimated costs \$10,000.

OUTCOME / ACTION

Board –

In meeting with present coaches, this was discussed.

The problems associated with previous assets was outlined, the Association once had a trailer and a ramp, both of which are unaccounted for.

The Board is aware that the present situation is not ideal but we are working to improve it.

There are also budget requirements to be met. Approximately \$ 8 – 10,000 was spent in the last 6 months on the Talent ID and HP squads.

The suggestion has been taken on board.

We have similar problems with transporting the video cameras and if the Association were to purchase transponders this would also be a problem. The Association now has a considerable amount of equipment and the transport to events is an issue which will need to be carefully considered.

Cockburn – It is a manageable issue – it should be very easy to make it work.

Board – It is all very valuable equipment and we need to manage it very carefully. There are also security and insurance issues to consider. The coaches do not see this issue as a priority at the moment.

Presently the Board share the transporting of all the officiating equipment.

Rockingham – It is surely up to the Coaches to approach the Board if they require assistance with the transportation of equipment to events.

AGENDA ITEM – 2

CLUB – Westside

Appoint a State Team / Dynamite Manager

Appoint a Team Manager who has the power and responsibility to properly co-ordinate a Team for attendance at any event where a Team is required to represent the State. The person should be provided the authority to act within a pre-determined budget that includes the purchase of team apparel so when

attending events, the team actually looks like a team, for example \$10,000. The team manager could spend this on coaching camps/sessions, dietary education sessions, race jerseys, track suits, bags, caps, presentation ceremony, etc for team members. Any other competitor should also be given the ability to purchase the same gear so as to create the illusion of a bigger team. The recent 2011 Cairns National Championships is an example where there was an obvious lack of cohesion and pre-event coordination of team members. All other States attending had a very clear and distinct "Team" which Western Australia did not. Kids love to represent their State and it is big honour and there should be a big deal made of it to incentivise riders to want to represent their State and effectively improve the level of competition.

OUTCOME / ACTION	
<p>Board - The Dynamite Series was a BMX Australia initiative. They did have a "crackerjack" series (under 10's) planned but have now cancelled it due to not having the "Dynamite" series properly organised and implemented. There are new guidelines from BMXA which will include individual State rules applied which will be available soon. BMXA have indicated rules will be available by July 1st. These will be on the website when available.</p> <p>There were State Representatives present at the 2011 Nationals, Chris Cooper as the State Rep and Troy Ward as the Dynamite Rep.</p> <p>Some of the possible criteria that WA might apply to the Dynamite series was explained.</p> <p>The "crackerjack" series will never go ahead until the Dynamite series is running correctly.</p> <p>The importance of getting the structures right was also explained – ie the Athlete Development and HP Squads.</p> <p>Our sights are set on building and strengthening the Athlete Development Squad prior to embarking on any further squads.</p> <p>Rockingham – Could the State coaches give some training sessions to Dynamite riders prior to Nationals?</p> <p>Board – State coaches are already extremely busy leading up to Nationals and may not have time.</p> <p>Westside – Think that a manager could get the team together and organise the Dynamites training.</p> <p>Rockingham – Have spoken to a coach who said he would have done coaching if he was paid to do it.</p> <p>Board – our coaching budget does not include any provision for Dynamite coaching, as previously stated our priority is Athlete Development and HP.</p> <p>Rockingham – will it next year?</p> <p>Board – No decisions have been made yet until the rules are finalised and our budget is set.</p> <p>Hills – could Nathan and Jade be asked to put a plan together?</p> <p>Board – The have already had input for future plans.</p> <p>Cockburn – Doesn't see why there can't be a manager?</p> <p>Board – will look into it for future.</p>	

AGENDA ITEM - 3	CLUB - Westside
<p>Announcement of the 2012 State Championships Westside propose the club who will host the following years State Championship should be announced at the current year State Championship. Clubs should be given plenty of time prior to the current year State Championships to assess the criteria, liaise with their local council, prepare a submission and lodge it. This should still give BMX Sports WA sufficient time after the close off date to make a decision which club is successful in their bid. If no club has been successful in securing the following years Championship, this should also be announced and a predetermined default/fallback position announced.</p>	
<p>OUTCOME / ACTION</p>	
<p>Board – agree that an announcement should have been made by now. This is not an ideal situation but we are in discussions with 2 clubs and hope to have a decision within 2 weeks.</p>	

AGENDA ITEM - 4	CLUB - Westside
<p>Criteria for State Championships Westside realise the criteria to host a State Championship has been changed with a view of enhancing the sport in WA and has been amended to upgrade the facilities where racing will be held, but has it gone too far? The very onerous criteria is now a 18 page contract which is subject to change (page 3). Clubs need plenty of time to prepare for the event and in most cases need to arrange dates and liaise with their Local Councils. Westside propose the criteria be relaxed to encourage clubs to lodge a submission to host the States. The fee paid by BMX Sports WA for the hire of the track, club and facilities need to be reassessed and increased in line with the increased cost of compliance with the criteria.</p>	
<p>OUTCOME / ACTION</p>	
<p>There was lengthy discussion on the wording of the criteria, in particular the item of the ramp height. Board indicated that clubs should always apply for an event even if they do not fully meet the criteria. There may be items in the criteria that can be negotiated, this is a common practice when submissions are made.</p> <p>The following change is to be made to the criteria.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>13. TRACK AVAILABILITY</u></p> <p>(a) The track shall be open for practice, at no charge, during the week preceding the State Championships. First Aid, corner marshals and gate starter to be provided by the Host Club to ensure all track safety and First Aid requirements are met whilst the track is in operation.</p> <p>This will be amended as follows: “at no charge” will be removed.</p>	

Board – many points in the criteria discussed and explained, including sponsorship requirements. Clubs have always been able to secure sponsors for events. The only requirement is that any possible Sponsor is approved by BMX Sports WA prior to being engaged.

AGENDA ITEM - 5

CLUB - Westside

Coaching Accreditation

Westside and most other clubs are struggling to find coaches who have the new Level 1 accreditation to coach the new members, club riders and sprockets. These new members are the lifeblood of the clubs and ultimately the sport and we should be doing everything possible to help retain them. Westside propose the existing Level 1 course accreditation be run as soon as possible for those people who have registered an interest to coach, regardless whether a new course is coming out or not.

OUTCOME / ACTION

The present Cycleskills course is being re-written by Cycling Australia.
Level 1 coaching course to be held in Karratha in August.
Metro date to be determined depending on interest.

AGENDA ITEM - 6

CLUB - Hills

The State Titles criteria for 2012 – point 2 (a).
2. STARTING HILL
(a) The start ramp to be five (5)m in height.
Provision must be made to use the Pro Gate Ram and Start Mechanism.

Does this mean all clubs with no access to a 5m ramp are negated from any selection for the State Titles?

OUTCOME / ACTION

Hills satisfied that this item has already been discussed and explained.

AGENDA ITEM - 7

CLUB - Hills

With regards to end of year Super Series scoring.

Do riders that make the “B” final earn any points towards the end of year scoring? If so, how many points compared to riders in the “A” final?

If the “B” final earns as many points as the “A” final, is this fair? Should the “B” final be scored at all, as this is a consolation final and they already get paid on the day?

OUTCOME / ACTION	
<p>Board– The distribution of prize money will be amended as follows for the 2011/2012 Super Series season. With regard to the “A” and “B” money finals riders will be paid 1 – 16, not 1 – 8 for “A” final and 1 – 8 for “B” final.</p> <p>The allocation of points for riders will be reviewed and any changes to the rules will be advised.</p>	

GENERAL BUSINESS	
CLUB - Cockburn	TOPIC - Lighting
<p>Still trying to get BMXWA lighting criteria/guidelines. This has been asked for 5 times but we still have not got it.</p>	
OUTCOME / ACTION	
<p>Lengthy discussion with Cockburn regarding this issue. This issue stemmed from the club request to host a twilight event which required an inspection of their lighting prior to the event .</p> <p>Discussion on the right to impose the lighting requirement when there are no official requirements under DSR, BMXA or UCI.</p> <p>It was agreed that there are no official guidelines for BMX, however the 100lux required by BMXWA is less than those recommended by DSR.</p> <p>Lighting requirements will be distributed to all clubs.</p>	

CLUB - Westside	TOPIC – Change of Club Race Night
<p>Have requested an explanation of the response received for this request.</p>	
OUTCOME / ACTION	
<p>Board – explains the reasoning behind the response.</p> <p>General opinion was that the response received was adequate.</p>	